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WASHINGTON (BP)—Churches and other community organizations will be asked by the Nixon administration to participate in the drive to fight hunger and malnutrition, according to Clifford M. Hardin, Secretary of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The appeal to private groups to help escalate the war on malnutrition among the poor came in Hardin's testimony before the Senate select committee on nutrition and related human needs. Sen. George McGovern

(D. S. Dak.) is chairman of the committee.

For one thing, church groups will be on the list of those invited to participate in a White House conference on Food and Nutrition soon to be called by the President, Hardin said.

President Nixon had announced earlier his plan to bring together in such a conference executives from the food industries, labor leaders and others to advise him concerning improvement of the nutritional status of all Americans.

Hardin and Secretary Robert H. Finch of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare appeared together before the committee to detail President Nixon's recently announced plans to reform the government's food programs for the poor.

A major push in the administration's proposals will be to involve persons in the private sector in voluntary community action, a phrase used often by Nixon. Hardin told the committee that the success or failure of federal efforts to eliminate hunger depends heavily on the level of concern and action by the states and local communities.

"We are going to ask everyone active in church groups, civic groups, civil rights and business and labor organizations to support us in this drive to bring good nutrition to every child and family in this country," he stressed.

Hardin suggested that these private groups take a good look at what their state and communities are doing and "join wholeheartedly in wiping out in this land of plenty the scourge of poverty-caused hunger and malnutrition."

In what is easily the most sweeping reforms presented by any President to end hunger in the United States, President Nixon has proposed an increase of more than \$1 billion in federal food programs for 1970. This would bring the total for all the programs involved in feeding poor persons to \$2.5 billion.

Under his plans, which were received on Capitol Hill with strong bipartisan praise, free food stamps would be given to families with the lowest cash income, estimated to be about 300,000 persons. Other poor families would pay no more than 30 percent of their income for enough stamps for an adequate diet.

In addition to cash subsidies, the

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FMB Mission Force Nears 2500

For its full spring meeting, May 5-7, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board went to Texas, the home state of its president, Dr. W. Morris Ford, Longview, and to the city and church of the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. W. A. Criswell, First Baptist Church, Dallas.

In the first such meeting held outside the traditional sites at its headquarters in Richmond, Va., or one of

the Convention-wide assemblies, the Beard appointed missionaries in the presence of an audience estimated at more than 7,000.

The appointment service was held in Moody Coliseum of Southern Methodist University. Special music was furnished by the clarion, chapel, and sanctuary choirs and the orchestra of First Baptist Church, under the direction of Lee Roy Till, minister of

music for the church.

The Board took the following major actions:

- Appointed 16 missionaries for career service overseas and employed six missionary associates for one-term periods of service, to bring its total overseas staff to 2,482.

- Completed major steps in its three-division administrative organization with the election of Sidney C. Reber, a missionary associate who is treasurer and business manager of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Singapore and Malaysia, as director of its management services division.

- Elected Rev. Melvin E. Torstrik, of New Orleans, La., former missionary to Chile and current regional personnel representative, an associate secretary for missionary personnel to succeed Rev. William W. Marshall, who was appointed a missionary in March.

- Voted to add to the staff of the overseas division a consultant on laymen overseas with five basic responsibilities: (1) to assist Southern Baptists traveling or living abroad to become involved in missions, (2) to coordinate the participation of laymen in special projects and opportunities overseas, (3) to channel the concerns for overseas involvement in Southern Baptist life, (4) to provide information about overseas vocational openings, and (5) to prepare materials and training plans to implement these purposes.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, said in his report, given prior to the appointment service, that the 22 new missionaries represent the "phenomenal response" which has been going on throughout Southern Baptist life for more than 20 years.

From 625 missionaries in 25 countries in 1948, God has led until we now have almost 2,800 missionaries under assignment to 70 countries," he said.

The coming of the Foreign Mission Board to Dallas is an indication of the deep interest on the part of Baptists in this area in the furtherance of the gospel throughout the world," he continued. "It is also an indication of the deep desire of the Foreign Mission Board to involve Baptists throughout the Southern Baptist

Mr. Wilds endeared himself to Mississippi Baptists as he traveled among them, establishing and encouraging Training Union work. Through faithfulness, efficiency and dedication in his work he built the Training Union in Mississippi into a strong and ef-

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Sword Drill Winners

Susan Hammert, First Church, Starkville, and Amy Powell, Green Creek Church, Petal, were the two finalists in the state intermediate Sword Drill competition, last Saturday, at Parkway Church, Jackson. Miss Hammert gets a free trip to Ridgecrest and Miss Powell to Giorietta.

Day Of Prayer Slated For Convention Service

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptists will observe May 25 as a day of prayer for a special evangelistic service scheduled next month in New Orleans as part of the denomination's annual meeting.

"Faith and Work for Victory" is the theme of the 7:30 p. m. meeting, June 13, the final session in the denomination's five-day convention. Also slated is an afternoon time of Christian testimony and prayer (for the evening service).

SBC President W. A. Criswell of Dallas, who called for the daylong prayer emphasis, in December appealed to the denomination's Home Mission Board in Atlanta to sponsor the evangelistic meeting to "put a little revival fire into the 'graveyard' end of the convention."

The missions agency accepted the appeal, and in addition to arranging the program funded a \$7,000 promotional effort—including handbills, and coverage in newspapers, radio and television.

Eual A. Lawson of the mission agency's division of evangelism asked

all to pray for "the power of the Lord to be present in the service so we can win as many people as possible to the Lord."

Featured speaker for the service will be John Bisagno, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla., which added last year 344 members by baptism, the largest number reported in the SBC.

Music will be provided by a combined choir from New Orleans Baptist churches under the direction of Charles Hayes, minister of music of the Metarie (La.) Baptist Church.

The afternoon session on Friday will be devoted to the theme, "Prayer and God's Word in Evangelism," as preparation for the evening service.

Featured will be testimonies by recently released Cuban missionaries, Herbert Caudill and David Fite; in addition to short presentations from E. L. Golonka of Atlanta, L. D. Clepper of Cottonport, La., Elie Woerner of Loreauville, La., and Seaman Missionary John Vandercook, of New Orleans.

Criswell will close the afternoon session.

5,500 Room Requests In New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Nearly 5,500 hotel rooms have been requested during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention here, June 10-13, the chairman of the SBC housing committee, G. Avery Lee, reported.

This does not include approximately 350 Southern Baptist missionaries who will be housed at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, relatives or friends who will be staying in the homes of New Orleans residents, or about 400 hotel rooms booked directly and not through the convention housing bureau, Lee said.

"We are pleading with the Hotel-Motel Association for rooms," said the pastor of St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church. "We certainly need them, and we are hopeful," Lee added. "There are a few rooms unassigned, but all of the downtown hotels are booked solid."

Funds Unavailable For Mercer Federal Grant Applications

MACON, Ga. (BP)—Mercer University's application for three federal construction grants will not go through this year due to lack of funds, according to a Georgia congressman in Washington.

Mercer trustees voted on Feb. 7 to seek three federal grants totaling \$570,000 to help finance erection of a fine arts auditorium, a swimming pool and an infirmary.

Rep. Jack Brinkley from Georgia, wrote of Mercer's application in reply to a query from W. Pierce Moore, pastor of Second church in Forest Park, Ga.

"According to the latest information from HEW (Department of Health, Education and Welfare), an application for a \$570,000 grant to assist in construction of three buildings was filed with the Higher Education Commission (in Atlanta) on Feb. 14,

War Declared On Obscene Mail

Washington (BP)—President Richard M. Nixon has declared war on sex-oriented obscene mail.

At the same time he called for a "citizens crusade" against the obscene.

"American homes are being bombarded with the largest volume of sex-oriented mail in history," the President declared. "Most of it is unsolicited, unwanted and deeply offensive to those who receive it," he said.

In a message to Congress asking for legislative action, President Nixon reported that 140,000 letters of protest came in during the last nine months alone.

"The problem has no simple solution," the President explained, because "many publications dealing with sex... are protected under the broad umbrella of the First Amendment prohibition against any law abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press."

He then declared that "the courts have not left society defenseless against the smut peddler; they have not ruled out reasonable government action."

President Nixon said that his administration has studied the problem carefully. "We believe we have discovered some untried and hopeful approaches that will enable the federal government to become a full partner with states and individual citizens in drying up a primary source of this social evil," he said.

These approaches include three new legislative proposals to Congress. The president explained:

"The first would prohibit outright the sending of offensive sex materials to any child or teenager under 18.

"The second would prohibit the sending of advertising designed to appeal to a prurient interest in sex. If

would apply regardless of the age of the recipient.

"The third measure complements the second by providing added protection from the kind of smut advertising now being mailed, unsolicited, into so many homes."

In calling for a citizens' Crusade

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Gulfshore Bible Conference Ready To Open August 11

Dr. Baker James Cauthen and Dr. Connelly Evans will be the two preachers for the ninth annual Gulfshore Bible Conference to be held August 11-15.

Making the announcement was Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary and conference director.

Dr. Evans, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ocala, Fla., will be the principal speaker for the morning service while Dr. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, will be the main speaker for the evening hour.

David Ford, minister of music of First Baptist Church of Port Arthur,

Old Testament at New Orleans Seminary, will lead in Old Testament studies each day at the morning service.

Also at each morning hour Dr. V. L. Stanfield, professor of preaching at New Orleans Seminary, will conduct a class for pastors in sermon preparation.

Simultaneously with this class, a course on a different subject will be conducted for all the lay people present, including both men and women, by Rev. Larry Rohrman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi.

David Ford, minister of music of First Baptist Church of Port Arthur,

Texas, will be guest soloist and lead music.

Mrs. Clyde C. Bryan and A. L. Nelson, both of Jackson, will serve alternately as pianist and organist for the conference.

Afternoons will be free for relaxation, recreation, study, fellowship or whatever each one wants to do, Dr. Hudgins said.

The conference will begin with the evening meal Monday and a d journ after the noon meal on Friday.

No reservations for groups of young people will be accepted for the Bible Conference this year, as has been

done in the past few years, according to Rev. Tom Douglas, assembly manager.

An exception to this rule will be made however in cases of young people and children who come with their parents as family groups.

Those urged to attend are pastors and other church and associational leaders, Dr. Hudgins said.

Reservations may be made by writing to Rev. Tom Douglas, Assemblies Manager, Gulfshore Bible Assembly, Pass Christian, Mississippi.

Those desiring to stay in nearby motels are asked to write to the one of their choice, Mr. Douglas said.

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**French Quarter Courtyard**

HIDDEN FROM THE STREETS, the fountain patios in the New Orleans French Quarter are private worlds of sun and shadow, old brick-paved court-

yards, and a profusion of sub-tropical plants. New Orleans is the site of the 1968 Southern Baptist Convention, June 10-13. (BP) Photo

SBC Seminary Illinois Baptists To Vote Extension Has New Director

NASHVILLE (BP)—Raymond M. Rigidon, a staff member of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for the last 20 years, has been named director of the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

Rigidon's appointment was announced by Olin T. Binkley, president of the Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., and chairman of the administrative committee for the Seminary Extension Department of the six SBC seminaries.

A native of Georgia, Rigidon will move from his position as editorial services staff consultant for the church training department at the board's office on Ninth Avenue, to the Seminary Extension office at 460 James Robertson Parkway, effective May 1.

He succeeds Ralph A. Herring, who retired as director of the SBC agency on Dec. 31, 1968, and is now living in Charlotte, N. C. An associate in the department, G. Ray Worley of Fort Worth, has been serving as interim director.

Binkley said in making the announcement that Rigidon has "exceptional competence in the field of adult education," and added that he felt the work of the Seminary Extension Department under his leadership "will advance toward the achievement of the high purposes for which it was established and is maintained."

The Seminary Extension Department was founded in 1950 to provide continuing education for laymen and ministers through correspondence courses and extension centers.

During his 20 years with the Sunday School Board, Rigidon has held several key positions. He joined the board's staff as editor of "Sunday School Young People," and in 1963 became director of editorial services (later editor-in-chief) in the board's church training department.

Rigidon is a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where he earned the doctor of theology degree. He has also done graduate study at George Peabody College, Nashville, and Teachers College of Columbia University, New York.

He was a high school principal in Georgia before joining the Sunday School department of the Baptist Con-

On Constitution, Name

URBANA, Ill. (BP)—The Illinois Baptist State Association, meeting here for the first called session in its history May 16-17, will consider a proposed new constitution which recommends changing the name of the association to The Illinois Baptist Convention.

The state association meeting last November adopted the report of its restructure committee which requested a constitution committee to "draft a proposed new constitution or modify the existing constitution to incorporate the necessary changes in keeping with the proposed organizational structure."

At the called session in May, the Illinois Baptist body will consider the committee's proposed new constitution on "first reading." If approved, the new constitution would have to get second approval at the regular convention next November before going into effect.

In an interview with Illinois Baptist Editor Robert J. Hastings, the chairman of the association's constitution committee, Don E. Dillow of Urbana, explained the proposed changes and gave reasons for them.

Dillow said that the proposed name change to Illinois Baptist Convention follows the pattern of other states, many of which have already moved to a simpler name. "No doctrinal or org-

anizational change is implied in the new name."

The new constitution also creates under the office of executive secretary what is called an "executive system," which Dillow described as "a work-doing system that majors on accomplishing the most work with the resources and personnel available."

The new constitution also requires the board of directors to develop and maintain a policies manual detailing employment and dismissal policies.

Under a section on doctrine, the new constitution states that the convention "adopts as its expression of faith the Baptist Faith and Message, adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, May 9, 1963." Full text of the SBC-adopted statement is printed in the constitution.

The previous constitution also had a section on doctrine, but stated that the association "adopts as its own expression of faith the New Hampshire Declaration of Faith."

A quick check of constitutions of other Baptist state conventions as published in their annual reports indicated that only two other state Baptist groups have sections in their constitutions on doctrine—Hawaii and Indiana. Both affirm the statement of Baptist Faith and Message.

Fund Drive For "Biggest" Auditorium In SBC Begun

DEL CITY, Okla. (BP)—A building fund campaign for what is expected

to be the largest church auditorium in the Southern Baptist Convention has been launched by the First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, near Oklahoma City.

The fund campaign will seek to raise \$650,000 toward construction of a 3,450-seat auditorium. Total cost of the auditorium will be about \$800,000.

John R. Bisagno, pastor of the church, said the construction will begin with 36 months. He said the design is "not fancy, but provides lots of usable space."

The church currently is constructing a 1,000 capacity educational building to cost \$400,000, and a new gymnasium costing \$35,000.

Total membership is now 3,805. Since Bisagno became pastor in 1965, the church has recorded 3,250 additions.

Bisagno said the church has two Sunday morning services weekly, with 2,000 to 2,100 persons attending each service. An average of 18 persons per Sunday have been uniting with the church by baptism or transfer of letter, he added.

The church led the Southern Bapt-

ist Convention in the number of baptisms in 1967, and has led the state Baptist convention in this category for the past four years.

A special all-church building barbecue May 18 is expected to attract 3,000 persons said Bisagno. Principal speaker will be Tom Lester, who

plays "Eb" on the television program, "Green Acres." Victory Day in the campaign is set for May 25.

General consultant in the fund drive is James V. Lackey, of the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission, Nashville.

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Older People Explosion Demands Public Action

WASHINGTON (BP)—Problems of the "retirement revolution" and the growing poverty conditions of older people were aired by a U. S. Senate special committee on aging here.

Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr., (D., N.J.), chairman of the committee declared that economic problems will not be solved for the elderly of the future "unless this nation takes positive, comprehensive actions going far beyond those of recent years."

A special task force working paper on "Economics of Aging" revealed many of the urgent problems facing the nation by the population explosion of older people.

The paper pointed out that there are now 20 million persons 65 years or older in the nation. Half of these are 73 and over. Between 1960 and 1980, this age group will rise 50 per cent, while the population 85 and older may double.

Religious groups throughout the nation are showing increasing concern in recent years for the elderly poor. There are 16 homes for the aged operated by state conventions affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

In his opening remarks at the hearing, Sen. Williams summarized some of the major points made in the task force report. They are:

"Many old Americans who are poor did not become poor until they became old. Approximately three out of ten people 65 and older—in contrast to one out of nine younger people—are living in poverty."

"There is an income gap between older and younger people. This has long been recognized, but a less well-known fact is that this gap is widening. Generally speaking, elderly couples and singles have less than half the income of those still in the work force."

"There is every reason to believe that the economic position of persons now old will deteriorate markedly in the years ahead. There is no good reason for thinking that low income in old age is a transitional problem

that, given present trends, will solve itself."

"Americans in middle-age or even younger should be concerned about projections and other studies which indicate that Social Security, private pensions and other forms of retirement income are not improving fast enough to reverse or significantly counter present economic trends."

Sen. Williams called the task force report "A disturbing document." He indicated that in addition to the hearings on economic problems of the aging, future hearings would probe into income maintenance of widows, health needs and rising medical costs, homeownership and taxation of the aged, employment in later years and early retirement trends and their meaning.

Among the many experts on economic problems of the aging who testified at the hearing was Edwin F. Shelley, president of the National Council on the Aging.

Shelley declared that the economic condition among aged persons in this country, "if fully and properly understood, would be considered intolerable by legislators and voters alike." He exploded the myth that Social Security and Medicare had reduced old people's financial problems satisfactorily.

One of the problems faced by the older people, Shelley said, is "the invisibility of the elderly poor," thus making the general public unaware of their tragic poverty conditions.

Shelley further declared that "our society has grown too complex to rely on individual generosity."

He called for "a nationwide living standard, below which no elderly person in this country should be expected to live."

The hearing before the Williams special committee on aging was not on specific legislative proposals but "to provide a public forum for intensive discussion" of the increasing plight of the aging population. It is expected that as further hearings are held, specific remedial programs will be proposed.

**Let's See How This Fits You . . .**

NORMAN RODGERS (left) and Kermit King, state Training Union secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (right) prepare fellow Mississippi state worker Kenneth Miller for a drama skit during the first drama conference for state workers held recently at the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. The conference was sponsored by the church recreation department of the board.—BSSB PHOTO

Dedicate Church At Sugar Plantation

After four years of meeting under trees and in houses, schoolrooms, and other temporary places, the Runyararo Baptist Church in Triangle, Rhodesia, dedicated its new building March 30.

The structure is in Rufaro, the main village of Triangle, a 300,000-acre sugar plantation in the lowlands of southeastern Rhodesia. It is beside the road which goes through the area, on a site donated by the plantation owners.

Rev. Gene D. Phillips, Southern Baptist missionary in Triangle, presided at the dedication. Missionary Logan C. Atnip, director of the Baptist Publishing House in Bulawayo, preached the dedicatory sermon. O. Mpofana, of Triangle, interpreted, and Pastor J. C. Moyana, of Maglas Baptist Church in Shabani, Rhodesia, led a prayer of dedication.

Edwin Dozier Dies In Japan

Dr. Edwin B. Dozier, 61, missionary to Japan for almost 36 years, died on the evening of Saturday, May 10 (Japan time). The funeral service was to be held at 3:00 p. m., Sunday, May 11, in the Baptist church on the campus of Seinan Gakuin, Baptist school in Fukuoka.

At the time of his death Dr. Dozier was chancellor of Seinan Gakuin, an institution of more than 7,500 pupils in junior and senior high school, university, woman's training school for kindergarten teachers, and theological seminary.

Japan was home for Edwin Dozier. He was born in Nagasaki, and the institution of which he was administrative head was started by his missionary father, the late C. K. Dozier, in 1916. (Mrs. C. K. Dozier, now 87, is in Baptist Memorial's Geriatric Hospital, San Angelo, Texas.)

Edwin Dozier graduated from Wake Forest (N. C.) College, now a university located in Winston-Salem, N. C. with the bachelor of arts degree and from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., with the master of theology degree. He was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree by Wake Forest College in 1965.

He returned to Japan in 1932 with his bride, the former Mary Ellen Wiley, of Unionville, N. C. The following year they were appointed missionaries in absentia by the Foreign Mission Board. He joined the faculty of Seinan Gakuin, where in 1937 he became dean of the English literature department.

He and Mrs. Dozier left Japan just before the United States entered World War II. They spent the next few years in Hawaii, where he ministered to Japanese-speaking people as copastor of Olivet Baptist Church, Honolulu.

Dr. Dozier was the first missionary to return to Japan after the war. He worked alone for nearly a year, re-establishing contact with Japanese Baptists, helping them organize, advising the Foreign Mission Board about the situation, and preparing for the coming of other missionaries.

"Americans United" Loses Tax Exemption

WASHINGTON (BP) — Americans United for Separation of Church and State reported here that the Internal Revenue Service has revoked its tax-exempt status.

The revocation notice said that the organization is "action" oriented and as such is not eligible for tax exemption.

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of the organization, declined comment, other than to say, "We will have a conference with IRS at an early date."

A four-page letter from the Internal Revenue Service included this paragraph as the basis for its ruling:

"By advocating your position to others, thereby attempting to secure general acceptance of your beliefs; by engaging in general legislative activities to implement your views; and by urging the enactment or defeat of proposed legislation which you believe inimical to your principles, you have ceased to function exclusively in the educator's role of informant in that your advocacy is not merely to increase the knowledge of your audience, but to secure acceptance of, and action on, your views concerning legislative proposals, thereby encroaching upon the prescribed legislative area."

Lottie Moon Offering Totals \$15,159,206.92

The 1968 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering had reached \$15,159,206.92 when the books closed on May 1, according to Everett L. Deape, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. This is \$404,527.62 more than the 1967 total. Any additional 1968 Lottie Moon money received will be counted on the 1969 offering.

Nixon Seeks

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Hill, will probably get quick action. Sen. McGovern, whose committee has led the fight for expanding the food stamp program, said he was "very deeply gratified" that the Nixon administration had faced up to the problem in such a "meaningful way."

Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.) called the program a "historic step." However, both Javits and McGovern said it fell far short of what is needed to feed the hungry. A billion dollars is "probably less than a third of what is needed" in the years ahead, McGovern said.

Sen. Ralph Yarborough (D. Tex.) chairman of the Senate's labor and public welfare committee, praised the administration for admitting "that there is hunger," as well as for planning to do something about it.

**MC Hall Of Fame**

THESE FOUR CAMPUS LEADERS have been named to the Mississippi College Hall of Fame for the current school year. Their pictures will hang in the Hall of Fame Room of the B. C. Rogers Student Center, and they are honored in a special section of the TRIBESMAN, the college yearbook. From the left are Buddy Huff of Pascagoula, Gayle Parks of Houston, Daphne Wilson of Greenville, and Walter Price of Amory. Their selection was revealed during the Honors Day Program at the college. (M.C. Photo)

Arab Baptists Meet In Jordan

The annual conference for Baptist pastors and other church workers in Lebanon and Jordan was called "the best ever," reports Mrs. L. August Lovegren, Southern Baptist missionary in Ajloun, Jordan. It was held in the boys' school of the Church of England, in Amman, where boarding facilities were available for out-of-town guests.

Douglas Sparks, of the Navigators, a Christian lay leadership training organization with workers in 21 countries, was the main speaker for the conference. Rev. Elias Saleebi, pastor of the Baptist church in Tripoli, Lebanon, spoke daily on methods of witnessing and of making converts. He spoke on how to approach atheists, as their number is growing in Arab areas, Mrs. Lovegren reports.



The French Market In New Orleans

THE ARCADE AT THE French Market in New Orleans is an airy walk leading to shops that sell almost everything, from grocery stalls to sidewalk cafes. Located at the corner of Decatur Street and

St. Ann Street, it is only about 10 blocks from The Rivergate Convention Center, where the Southern Baptist Convention will hold sessions, June 10-13. (BP) Photo

COTA Telecasts Prompt Big Response

ATLANTA (BP)—Cards and letters were in at a 100 a day three weeks after the nationwide Crusade of The Americas telecasts sponsored by Southern Baptists.

The three telecasts, featuring Evangelist Billy Graham and News Commentator Paul Harvey, offered free material to anyone who would write to a special crusade box number in Atlanta.

Toward the end of April, the volume of mail from all over the nation went over 2500 and included nearly \$1,300

in donations, despite the fact no financial appeal was made.

Some of the letters were critical of the "modern" format of the shows, others contained obvious cries for help, but most were simple in content and commendatory in tone, asking for the free materials.

In response, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of evangelism here is sending a packet of materials that includes several tracts, a registration blank for a correspondence Bible course, transcripts of Harvey or Graham as requested

and a booklet called "Good News By A Man Named John," which is the Gospel of John in Today's English Version.

Some of the letters — such as one from a young homosexual — were appeals for help with spiritual doubts and personal problems.

"We are answering these letters and cards personally," said Jack Stanton of the SBC Home Mission Board.

Many of the correspondents easily matched the crusade tract-for-tract, enclosing information and materials about a variety of causes, from opposition to sex education in schools to denunciations of the Supreme Court to support for fundamentalist religious endeavors.

Many of the letters were addressed to Billy Graham or to Paul Harvey. One was addressed to Graham-Harvey in care of the Young American Crusade. Still another opened with: "Dear Jesus Christ: . . ."

One woman wrote: "Billy Graham is as near to the second coming of Christ as I shall live to see."

Most of the letters were straight down the middle, however, commanding the basic evangelistic message of the telecasts and the generally patriotic themes of youth, the home, the nation.

One letter read: "It is so good to know there are left some people who have not swept God out with the trash."

Another letter expressed distaste for the use of folk music and popular musical sounds, stating that Baptists "commit suicide when they depart from the usual arrangements of the usual hymns in favor of some highfalutin songs."

Others hailed the lack of an "institutional approach." In fact one complimentary letter expressed disappointment at the closing invitation of the telecasts being in a simulated church setting.

One young writer from Detroit expressed concern for Graham's health, wondering if his informal, sit-down chat during the telecasts was "because your health is not good."

Funds Unavailable

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1969. The application was not forwarded to Washington until April 10, 1969," wrote Rep. Brinkley.

"According to HEW there are no funds available at this time and the university will have to file a new application after July 1, 1969. The current application will not carry over to the new fiscal year."

Moore wrote to Rep. Brinkley after his church adopted a resolution urging the federal government to turn down Mercer's grants requests.

Moore is one of the sponsors of a group calling itself "Save Mercer—Oppose Government Grants" (SMOGG), which has urged churches and individuals to protest Mercer's request for government grants by writing to responsible federal officials.

The action by the Mercer trustees came despite Georgia Baptist Convention votes in 1965, '66 and '68 against tax funds for convention institutions.

The convention's Executive Committee on April 1 advised Mercer trustees to be prepared to report on their action to the convention when it meets in Atlanta, Nov. 10-12.

Baptist Missions In Ethiopia

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONARIES have opened their first major community health center in Ethiopia in the town of Mehal Meda, shown above in a view from the small Missionary Aviation Fellowship plane that carried Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, FMB secretary for Africa, on a tour of the area. Emperor Haile Selassie expressed appreciation for the program being started in the Menz district, a rugged mountainous area about 100 miles north of the capital, Addis Ababa. (Photo by H. Cornell Goerner.)

War Declared On Obscene Mail

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When indecent books no longer find a market, when pornographic films can no longer draw an audience, when obscene plays open to empty houses, then the tide will turn.

"Government can maintain the dikes against obscenity," he continued, "but only people can turn back the tide."

In the meantime, pending additional legislation, President Nixon pointed out that in 1967 Congress passed a law to protect citizens from receiving unwanted sex-oriented advertising through the mail.

If a person decides that certain advertising is "erotically arousing or sexually provocative," he can obtain from the Postmaster General a judi-

cially enforceable order prohibiting the sender from making further mailings to his home.

The President reported that more than 170,000 persons have requested such orders. "Many citizens however," he said, "are still unaware of this legislation, or do not know how to utilize its provisions."

"Accordingly," President Nixon said, "I have directed the Postmaster General to provide every congressional office with pamphlets explaining how each citizen can use this law to protect his home from offensive advertising."

He urged Congress to assist for the widest possible distribution of these pamphlets.

FMB Mission Force Nears 2500

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Convention in the realization that this work is their own."

Dr. Cauthen said Southern Baptists will be called upon to share more and more liberally of their resources, and of their sons and daughters.

"The future of Southern Baptists," he said, "is directly in proportion to our obedience to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. Faithful response to this Commission will keep our hearts aglow with the gospel of redeeming grace. It will bind us together in brotherly love. It will purify our hearts from greed and selfishness and cause us to take glory not in the magnificence of our buildings, in the extent of our institutions, but in the outreach of loving-kindness to the broken peoples of the earth."

For the first time the Board heard its executive staff report by divisions.

Under the direction of Dr. Rogers M. Smith, acting director of the management services division, reports were given by the treasurer, Everett L. Deane; the business manager, Elbert L. Wright; and the manager of the information processing systems, William K. Dawson.

Mr. Dawson reviewed briefly the major processes which he and his staff have programmed for the computer at Board headquarters. Then he closed with this summary statement: "If I were to put a quantitative tag on what needs to be done in comparison with what has already been done, I would say that more than 90 percent of the possibilities of computer assistance for the Foreign Mission Board have yet to be touched."

Mass evangelism was one of the facets of overseas work discussed. Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for South America, and Rev. Charles W. Bryan, secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, urged continued prayer for the Crusade of the Americas, meetings of which will be going on throughout Latin America during the remainder of 1969.

Dr. Crawley described the past year as one of retooling. The Board began its divisional organization in April, 1968, with Dr. Crawley's election to his current post.

The rapid expanse of the Board's administrative responsibility was brought into sharp focus at a closing luncheon at First Baptist Church, Dallas, as Dr. Wade H. Bryant, of Richmond, one of several members rotating off the Board in June, spoke on "The Foreign Mission Board as I Have Known It."

His reminder that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1932 was around \$125,000 brought smiles from Board members and visitors who had just heard that the 1968 offering (on which books closed May 1) was \$15,159,206.92.

Dr. Bryant's word for the future was "commitment" — "commitment to Jesus Christ."

Crusade Response Good

What has been the human equation in the Crusade of the Americas?

In terms of numbers, thousands of persons have made professions of faith in Christ at campaigns and rallies. In terms of individuals, the Crusade's impact has changed lives.

Rev. Charles W. Bryan, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board secre-

tary for Middle America and the Caribbean, reports that the Crusade has swept that area, producing results that its originators probably never thought possible.

Three men in Mexico, for example, were attracted to the Christian message by Crusade publicity.

One man established a mission in his home. Another reduced his school-teaching load in order to participate more actively in the campaign. The third sold his business to give full time to evangelistic work.

Mr. Bryan says youth programs, new mission points, visitation programs, evangelistic literature, lay leadership training, camps, conferences, and choirs have been used to promote the Crusade of the Americas.

Mr. Bryan's report was made at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board meeting May 5-7. In it he says the Crusade (a Baptist-sponsored evangelistic effort in progress in 28 countries of the Western Hemisphere) has enabled Baptists to extend their work into places previously closed to them, brought Baptists together in a cohesive effort, improved the Baptist image, and strengthened Christian work.

He says the Crusade has brought more than 1,000 public expressions of dedication to and personal faith in Christ during rallies in 12 Caribbean countries.

One Crusade result in the Carib-

bean is the inauguration of a 15-minute, Baptist-sponsored program, being broadcast by a radio network that covers all of the Caribbean and much of Central and South America.

In his report Mr. Bryan referred to two missionaries in his area:

Rev. Dottson L. Mills, of Jamaica, regional Crusade coordinator in the Caribbean, "believes the effect has opened many doors of opportunity and acceptability for Christ."

Rev. Ervin E. Haste, missionary to Mexico, has promoted the Crusade in a dual role as secretary of evangelism for the national Baptist convention of Mexico and as regional Crusade coordinator for Middle America. In cooperation with national co-ordinators, he has helped organize evangelistic efforts in all countries in Central America.

Mr. Haste reports 6,000 professionals of faith registered in Mexico alone during Crusade efforts in 1967 and 1968.

The Crusade theme, "Christ, the Only Hope," continues to be proclaimed in four languages of the Americas — Spanish, Portuguese, French, and English.

A skillful driver sometimes relies on his skill instead of using courtesy, patience, respect for law, common sense — which are even more important in avoiding accidents.



110 Decisions In Sergipe, Brazil

THESE BRAZILIANS were among 22 who made public professions of faith in Christ during a week of evangelistic services in Aracaju, Sergipe, in northeast Brazil. Pastor Jose Guedes dos Santos, of Macelio, Alagoas, preacher for the Aracaju meetings, is in the background. Four weeks of Crusade of the Americas services throughout Sergipe resulted in more than 110 decisions being registered publicly. (Photo by Robert E. Hampton)

Auber Johnson Wilds Dies

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factive agency for training church members.

Mississippi baptists expressed their esteem and regard for Mr. Wilds and his leadership ability when they elected him president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November, 1946. He served as always with distinction.

Mr. Wilds retired from his 35 years of dedicated service to Mississippi Baptists on January 1, 1953. His retirement, however, was far from a return to Oxford to sit in the comfortable platform rocker presented to him as a gift on that occasion. He and Mrs. Wilds have worked together in Oxford for 16 years, serving in their church and community. In First Baptist church, he taught a men's Sunday School class, participated in

an Adult Training Union group, was superintendent of the extension department of the Sunday school and served as a deacon. He and Mrs. Wilds visited the local hospital and two nursing homes regularly, conducting devotional services in one of the nursing homes. Hundreds, even thousands, of people benefited from their ministry of visitation and witnessing. They have kept up a large correspondence with friends, especially missionary friends they have known through the years.

He and Mrs. Wilds had visited every state Capitol. They had been to Hawaii, and to Alaska. And they made these trips just on a shoestring. They would travel in the most economical way. They made films, as they traveled.

He was in the hospital seven weeks. He taught his Sunday school class on Sunday morning here in the church eight weeks ago (May 11) and entered the hospital that Sunday evening.

He had surgery, and other conditions led into complications, which brought on his death.

Mr. Wilds was a great Christian whose faithful life has borne and will continue to bear rich fruit to the glory of God.

Toward the end of his life he sometimes complained of aches and pains not to intimate friends. He would say, "this old house I inhabit is slowly falling apart. But one day soon, the Lord and I are going to walk out of it together." Last Thursday morning they did.

Stetson Prexy Quits, Reasons After May 30

DeLand, Fla. (BP)—The president of the Stetson University, here Paul F. Geren, has resigned after two years as head of the Baptist school. No reasons for the resignation were announced.

The resignation was not immediately accepted by the Stetson board of trustees, which will meet in regular session on May 30 and will consider the resignation at that time.

Geren, when contacted by telephone, said he wished he could give the reasons for his resignation but had been enjoined by the trustees' executive committee from releasing any such statement to the press until after the May 30 board meeting.

Geren said he realized that rumors would be flying around until that time, but said he had no choice but to wait until the appropriate time.

The chairman of the board of trustees, Earl B. Edington of St. Petersburg, Fla., announced the resignation of President Geren to a meeting of the faculty at Stetson.

Edington, pastor of First Baptist Church in St. Petersburg, said he

could make no further comment, other than what was included in an official release from the Stetson public information office.

Stories in the daily press in Florida were filled with speculation on the reasons for the resignation. The St. Petersburg Times, for example, stated that the reason for the resignation was "a serious rift between faculty and the administration."

Officials at Stetson would not comment "on the record," but several other unofficial sources said that apparently the basic reason was the lack of effective communications between the faculty and administration, and the feeling on the part of the faculty that they had not been consulted on several decisions made by the president.

The resignation came at a time when Stetson was planning a multi-million fund drive which would finance, among other things, an expansion of the school's evening program on Merritt Island at Cape Kennedy.

Stetson is an 86-year-old Baptist institution named for John B. Stetson, the hatmaker, with an enrollment of 1,850 students on the DeLand campus, and 275 at the Law School in St. Petersburg.

Although the school is not owned and operated by the Florida Baptist Convention, its president and three-fourths of its trustees must be Baptists. Geren had been praised during his administration for improving the relations between Stetson and the Florida Baptist Convention.

Geren, the fifth president of Stetson, came to the school in September of 1967 from the U. S. Foreign Service. He had held diplomatic positions in India, Syria, Jordan, the Federation of Rhodesia (now Malawi), and Zambia.

Geren was the first deputy director of the Peace Corps, and earlier served in the State Department as director of telecommunication and maritime affairs.

He was administrative vice-president of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and is a graduate of Baylor, Louisiana State University, and Harvard University where he earned the doctor of philosophy degree. He is the author of four books.

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

A Third Of A Century

Few men have had the privilege or opportunity to serve the Lord and their denomination continually for more than a third of a century.

Auber J. Wilds was one man who did that. He served as Training Union Secretary for the State Convention Board for 35 years.

Bro. Wilds succeeded W. E. (Major) Holcomb, who resigned the position of B.Y.P.U. Secretary in September 1917, after four years of service, to become vice-president of Mississippi Woman's College. He became secretary on January 1, 1918 and held this position until his retirement at the end of the year 1952, when he was succeeded by the present secretary, Kermit S. King.

Bro. Wilds began his work when full time promotion had been going on for only two years, since Bro. Holcomb began as an assistant to the Sunday School Secretary, J. E. Byrd, giving part time to work with "young people's work." In 1915 Holcomb was asked to promote B.Y.P.U. on a full time basis and it was to this position that Bro. Wilds came in 1918.

At that time B.Y.P.U. was not yet accepted by most of the churches. Enrollment figures were not reported until 1930 when there were 34,613 persons enrolled in

Training Union. We can well imagine that the figure was far smaller in 1917. He lived to see the enrollment pass 100,000, for the reported number a few months before his retirement was 103,273.

Bro. Wilds began his work of visiting Mississippi churches long before the day of paved roads, and at a time of few automobiles. He rode trains, and later buses, and probably some buggies and wagons, and sometimes he had to walk, as he reached out to the churches at far corners of the state. For many years he often slept on a cot in his office, for he retained his residence in Oxford during all of the period of his work.

The old typewriter (about a 1905 to 1910 vintage Hammond) upon which he wrote thousands of letters, is now a museum piece in the Baptist Record office.

Multitudes of men and women now serving the Lord effectively, and others already in heaven, received inspiration, and their first church training in the old B.Y.P.U.'s and later in the Training Union's, which were established because of this great leader's ministry.

Perhaps some of those already gone before, were there to greet him when he entered glory last Thursday morning.

Issues At New Orleans . . . II

Program For A New Decade

Those individuals who protest that Southern Baptists are "hide-bound" by old ideas and methods, and refuse to consider change, need only to look at the plans for the 70's to see how completely wrong they are.

Indeed, as one looks at the proposed plans, he almost could be led to believe that those individuals who have been decrying our methods as "archaic", have been given the responsibility for planning for the new decade.

In our organizational life, little of the old will be left, if we understand the announcements of the new plans. Of course, we still will have the old organizations, but they are being so completely revamped that they hardly will be recognizable.

The grading is new (to Southern Baptists); the names of some of the organizations and their departments are new; the literature is new; the study courses are new; the curriculum is to undergo change; the methods of approach in some departments will be new; and just about everything will have a new face or a new character. We really are going all out for the new in the 1970's.

Changes Not All New

Of course, not all of the changes are being made overnight, since some of them have been under development for some time, and some already have been introduced. The new Sunday school lesson series was introduced several years ago, the WMU began its new organizational program last year, and even before either of these came the change in concept, which assigned to each of the departments in the church organization a specific emphasis. For example, the Training Union and Sunday School could not give major emphasis to missions, since that was the primary task of the WMU and Brotherhood. Other organizations could not give much emphasis to Bible study since that was the work of the Sunday School. The weakness of this concept is that it assumes that everybody will attend all departments of the church life, in order to get the full program. The fact is, of course, only about one fourth as many attend Training Union as attend Sunday School, and even a smaller percentage attend WMU and Brotherhood, so that if the Sunday school does not give some emphasis to missions and training, for example, the majority of the people will not receive it. Nevertheless, this, now, is our concept, and our programs for the 70's are based upon it.

The grading is not exactly new, since it has been in use by some other denominations for a long time. And we think that we recognize some of the other suggested plans as having been adapted from some other denominations, since they are very much like some other groups are doing.

New Programs Exciting

Of course, a new program like

this sounds exciting, and all of us will look forward to seeing the new materials and the new plans as they appear. We will be interested in seeing what is included in the new curriculum which has not been covered in the old, and to try the new methods which are being offered with such enthusiasm. If we understand the meaning of some of the things listed on the New Orleans convention program, it appears that we will be introduced to at least some of the new program at that time.

It may be well, however, for us not to set our hopes too high, that these new plans automatically are going to solve all Southern Baptist problems, and that we now shall see an upturn in all phases of our work. Adopting a new program is no guarantee that miracles will be accomplished. For example, the new grading system, at least basically, has been used by other denominations, and we have seen no miracles happening in them, for they, too, have been losing ground in enrollment and effectiveness, oftentimes much faster than Southern Baptists. Also, some of the new methods and plans, already have been well tested and tried by others, and we are not sure that other denominations are more effective in reaching people, than we have been. Reports indicate to the contrary.

Old and New

We must never be against the new, simply because it is new, but neither must we rush to cast aside the old, simply because it is old. Southern Baptists have had some methods which have been pretty effective in the past, and we are not sure that some of them are yet ready to be cast aside. If we are told that they no longer are working, we suggest that perhaps the problem is that we no longer are working them. Where are the great enlargement campaigns and drives of the past? "Those won't work a yon more!", we are told, but evidently they are still working, for we know of a denomination using Southern Baptist Sunday school methods which brought great growth to us in the past, and we are informed that that group is reaching people today as we did in the past. Maybe, we just need to work a little harder with tools we already have, if we want to continue to see the results that our fathers experienced.

New Names

Nor will the changing of names, automatically bring a new day in our work. We are not against changing names if that is what we ought to do, and it will make our work more effective, but we feel that the name should be carefully and wisely chosen, should make a spiritual impact, and should have the acceptance of the vast majority of our churches. Very frankly, many people, with this writer among them, have some sincere reservations concerning one of the names which has been chosen. However, after discussing it with the leader involved, we have decided to re-

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Poor Guidepost



Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

That "Monster" Is A Man

There is a fascinating Chinese parable concerning a man who, in traveling through the country, saw in the distance something moving in his direction. At first, he thought, "Surely this is a monster who will devour me." But, as the figure drew nearer, he discovered that the "monster" was actually a man; and, as the man drew still nearer, he discovered that he was his friend.

There are, perhaps, several useful personal lessons to be drawn from this parable of the Orient, but this one lesson is needed by all of us: practically all of our inter-personal problems would be solved if we would forego fear, timidity, and false pride and try to come to know the people between ourselves and whom there are tensions of any kind. This closer contact would so often replace resentment with understanding, antagonism with sympathy, and even hate with love.

First, we need to take the initiative to try to work out understanding and reconciliation with other people. A repetition of Jesus' clear teaching on this matter is in order: "Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy

way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift" (Matthew 5:24). False pride, self-righteousness, and self-satisfaction will fight to keep us from taking the initiative; yet, we shall not only not be following Jesus if we fail to take the initiative, but, also, we shall miss the joy of knowing that some people are not the "monsters" we thought them to be!

Second, we need to keep receptive, open, friendly hearts toward those who may want to approach us in a sense of getting to know us better or, perhaps, to try to displace some adverse impressions they have had of us. It is rather jolting to realize that, to some others, we may appear to be monsters!

Third, and most important of all, we need to base our actions toward others on the highest level of consideration, what would Jesus do?, and not on the basis of what other people are doing. "For to me to live is Christ" was not only the watchword of Paul's behaviour; it should become the daily reminder and the perpetual guide to all of us who follow Christ.

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I THE BAPTIST FORUM I

On Talking With God

Dear Editor:

The two points made by the friend who signed himself "A Southern Baptist" in "The Baptist Forum" of May 1, may be well taken if they express a matter of personal preference. However, when regarded as Scripture-based criticisms of practices in Baptist life, each charge may be open to question.

To begin with, the Elizabethan pronouns, characteristic of the beloved King James Version of the Bible, date, not from the time of the Lord Jesus, but from the time of Shakespeare. As a matter of well-known fact, the form in which our New Testament was written would indicate that our Lord prayed and otherwise communicated, not in "holy" forms of language, but in the Koine Greek, the common language of the day—market-place language. If a person prefers to pray "in the King James Version," that is his inalienable privilege, but let him be cautious about levelling criticism at another who feels more comfortable talking with God as the Lord Jesus apparently did, in ordinary speech.

With regard to the second question raised, we would be compelled to agree that the preacher who seems to think he is a stand-up comedian is sometimes in poor taste. However, one would wonder if the Lord did not occasionally use tasteful humor as an effective means of carrying His point. A ripple of laughter might well have stirred His hearers at the mental image of some nit-picker gouging around in his brother's eye, while a "skinfan pole" protruded from his own, or at the idea of a clumsy camel attempting to negotiate the eye of a needle.

Mack D. Rutledge, Pastor
Immanuel Baptist Church
Columbus, Mississippi

Encounter With God

In Personal Terms

Dear Mr. Odle:

I am writing in response to "A Southern Baptist" who wrote about addressing God in terms of "Thee" and "Thou" in prayer and about jokes.

There was a time in my life when I thought of God as "Someone out there" to be spoken to in terms used in the King James version of the Bible. It was not until through much

serve judgment, and to withhold comment, until after we hear the full presentation at New Orleans. We have been assured that there will be opportunity for discussion and action at that time, if the messengers desire it.

Power and N. T. Principles

Actually, our major concern about the new program is not that it is new, or that some names and programs have been changed. If this will help us do a more effective job in the coming decade, in reaching more of our people, then that is fine.

Our major concern is that we recognize that all of the plans and programs that can be devised by any expert anywhere, are not going to start us to moving forward again, unless there is a new spiritual experience in the lives of our people, and a return to the basic principles which have made us Baptists. These latter, of course, are New Testament principles, so our concern may be summarized as the recognition that we can do absolutely nothing except in the power of the Holy Spirit, and we will accomplish nothing if we do not

pray and understand love of a dear friend, that I truly had a very personal encounter with God. It was then that I took the Lord as my personal Savior and Lord of my life.

Now God is my closest personal friend. I talk with Him and in modern day terms, as I would use talking with any other friend. I have more respect for God now than ever before. I feel that it is only through this personal relationship with God, that I worship Him as the One and Only True Living God.

As for the jokes, I can only say this, God and I have laughed together at many of the silly things I have done. So, I believe that in order to truly worship God, a personal relationship must be established, one in which we can feel free to be ourselves.

Fran Pickett
Clinton, Miss.

Low Cost Good News

Dear Mr. Hudgins:

Under separate cover I am mailing you three copies of a new edition of Good News for Modern Man. This one is designed so that mission boards and agencies can afford to give them. This edition sells for 25¢ per copy delivered. The cover is exactly the same as the edition you are familiar with except the title is imprinted with green ink. The plates are identical. The only difference is that a high grade newspaper print has been substituted.

Please share these with your staff. They will want to use them in all phases of their work. Since this is never to be a catalog item they can not be ordered except through one of the distribution secretaries. Because they are packed in boxes of 50s they can not be ordered in a smaller quantity. If your staff decides they can use any of these, I will be happy to be of service to you.

J. Edward Cunningham
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Angola Baptist Youth Hold Third Congress

More than 70 young people enrolled in the third annual Baptist youth congress in Angola held March 10-16, in First Baptist Church, Luanda. The record attendance was a 150 percent increase over last year, reports Rev. Harrison H. Pike, Southern Baptist missionary. Two decisions, one a profession of faith in Christ, were registered.

build our whole program on the New Testament. If our people have a spiritual experience that changes their lives, and if they have convictions based upon the teachings of the Word of God, then they will move forward for God. They will work and pray and give and witness and grow spiritually, when those are the emphases of our work. Such a program never has failed, and it will not fail, even in the new age of the 70's.

Therefore, let us consider any and all new tools and programs which will advance the work of the Lord, but let us realize once for all, that all the methods and plans in the world are not going to empower us to meet the needs of modern men, if we are not filled with the Spirit's power, and do not continue to center on New Testament program and principles.

As Baptists come to New Orleans, and as they consider the new programs, let them pray for God's direction in it all, and let them rededicate themselves to Him, so that He can use us in a mighty way.

NEWEST BOOKS

HOW IN THE WORLD? by Carl E. Johnson (Fleming H. Revell, 128 pp., \$3.50)

Here is a comprehensive summary of the opportunities and problems in world evangelism by means of Christian literature. Explains opportunities in television, radio and films, offers how-to's in tract distribution, and suggests immediate constructive actions that can be taken by churches and individuals. The author is assistant professor of English and journalism at Seattle Pacific College where he also serves as chaplain.

BY LIFE OR BY DEATH by James C. Herley (Zondervan, 208 pp., \$4.35)

Here is the graphic, complete story of violence and martyrdom in Vietnam. It is the first published account in book form of all the missionary valiants — nine killed and five captured — during recent war years in Vietnam. These missionaries were all associated with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Worldwide Evangelization Crusade, or Mennonite Central Committee. About them, Associated Press wrote, "They are people of peace carrying a message of compassion and help but some of them occasionally get killed for it. That is the age-old record of Christian mission enterprise ever since it began in the blood baths of the ancient Roman empire." The book is profusely illustrated with photographs, and also includes information about Southern Baptist mission work in Vietnam.

WE'RE HOLDING YOUR SON by Gordon R. McLean, with introduction by Senator Mark O. Hatfield (Fleming H. Revell, \$3.95, 160 pp.)

The 1 a.m. jangle of a telephone ... a light snaps on ... and a new story of heartbreak begins as another middle class suburban parent gets the police officer's curt message: "We're holding your son." Why? What is happening in American homes? Described here are cases of delinquency of young boys and girls, the heartbreak of their parents, their own broken plans and remorse. Here is counsel for parents — what to do when a child is detained, how to detect drug usage, ways to strengthen family relationships. Here, too, is an assessment of the church's involvement in contemporary youth problems.

ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SEC

"Why are medicare and medicaid costs increasing so rapidly? One possible reason: the Senate Finance Committee in a preliminary investigation so far has turned up the names of about 200 doctors each making between \$150,000 and \$200,000 a year out of the programs. Committee chairman Russell Long says these doctors pile up 'astronomical' fees by 'faking' their laboratory charges and by making 'sweeps' through hospital wards and old-age homes, automatically ticking off a fee for every patient whose bed they walk past." ("Periscope," Newsweek, 4-21-69)

Infant mortality is high in affluent America; a dozen poorer countries did better than the U.S. in keeping their babies alive. . . . The Department of Health of the City of Detroit reported that, for 1967, the infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births in the most affluent section of the city was only 12.1 (for the U.S. as a whole — 23.4). But in the poorest neighborhood of Detroit, the rate was a horrifying 60.1 per 1,000. . . . Economist Walter Heller, recently wrote: "Our overall tax burden — 28 percent of Gross National Product — falls far short of the 35 to 40 percent levels in Germany, France, the Netherlands, and Scandinavia." The comparison in question includes federal, state, and local taxes. Compared with other countries, the American taxpayer hasn't been squeezed dry. It may seem so, perhaps, to the American middle class, because that's where the tax pinch is. Maybe the tax distribution is more equitable abroad; maybe they don't have the 27½ percent oil depletion allowance loophole.

In 1967 Standard Oil of New Jersey had a federal tax rate of 7.9 percent; Texaco, only 1.9 percent; and some others, nothing. That sends the rates up for the average taxpayer. ("TRB from Washington," The New Republic, 5-3-69)

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Calendar Of Prayer
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May 19 — W. L. Compere,

Baptist Programs Featured On NBC Radio During June

FORT WORTH (BP)—Five radio programs produced here by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission will be broadcast by the National Broadcasting Co., "Faith in Action" network radio series during the month of June.

The programs, to be carried on network radio each Sunday morning in June, will feature two Baptist personalities—David Fife, Baptist missionary who was recently released after four years in a Cuban prison camp, and Bill Glass, professional football player for the Cleveland Browns.

Fife, in an interview with Don Sturgis of the SBC Radio-TV Commission, will tell of experiences he and his father, Herbert Caudill, had after being arrested four years ago by the Castro regime on charges of illegal currency exchange. The program is scheduled June 1.

All-Pro lineman Glass, a former All-American star for Baylor University in Waco, Tex., will chat during the June 8 show about his tours around the country during the off-season speaking to young people and adults about God's leadership "on and off the field."

A recording of an address to the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's seminar on "The Church's Mission in the National Crisis" by Jesse Jackson of Chicago will be featured on the June 15 program. Jackson is national director of Operation Breadbasket, a branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and a 27-year-old Baptist minister.

A discussion by a group of youth who are members of the Anselm Forum in Gary, Ind., will be broadcast on June 22. The forum seeks to promote brotherhood and truth through discussion.

Lilli Wolff, now a Dallas dress designer, will tell of her life as a Jew in Germany during the Hitler dictatorship on the June 29 program. She will relate how she narrowly escaped deportation to a Nazi extermination camp for Jews, and how she eventually found freedom and fulfillment in becoming a Christian and reaching America.

The "Faith in Action" programs are fed over the NBC radio network beginning at 8:30 Eastern Time each Sunday. Broadcast times may vary in different localities, said SBC Radio-TV Commission officials.

Nomination Being Received For MC "Alumni Of Year"

Nominations are now being received for the "Alumni of the Year" award for graduates of Mississippi College, according to W. M. (Bill) Dalehite of Jackson, chairman of the committee in charge.

Mr. Dalehite said nominations should be mailed to his committee not later than midnight, August 20, 1968. Nominations should be addressed to the Committee at P. O. Box 2338, Jackson.

The chairman said the only restriction to nominations is that the nominee must have graduated from Mississippi College at least 15 years ago. Nominations are judged on the basis of contributions made to the nominee's community, church, profession and college. Last year's winner was the late Judge Percy Lee of Forest. The "Alumni of the Year" will be announced at MC Homecoming in October, 1968.

Members of the committee, in addition to Dalehite: Herbert Carver; Jackson; Sidney Davis, Mendenhall; Rev. Leonard Holloway, Meridian; Dr. Jimmy Vessels, Vicksburg; and Mrs. W. L. Waller, Jackson. James Rankin, of Jackson, president of the Alumni Association, is an ex-officio member.

It is sheer madness to live in want in order to be wealthy when you die.

—Juvenal

Roscoe B. Hicks Dies, Was Minister 35 Years

Outstanding in his ministry was the service he rendered as Chaplain at Mississippi State Penitentiary during the term of Governor J. P. Coleman who appointed him to the position. During his four years there he baptized some 1600 persons.

"Brother Roscoe" as he was affectionately called by many, was loved and respected. He was "a man of strong convictions and contended earnestly for the faith."

He was the son of the late Rev. Alfred B. Hicks of Webster County and Mattie Carroll Hicks of Clay County.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, April 29 at Second Church, Calhoun City, the church he helped to start and which he served as the first pastor for many years.

Rev. J. B. Middleton, a life-long friend, officiated, assisted by Rev. Don Dickson, pastor of the church. Burial was in North Union Cemetery, Bellefontaine. Rev. Bill Baker, pastor, 1st, Calhoun City sang a solo accompanied by his wife at the piano.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Byrd W. Hicks of Calhoun City; two sons, Joe Hicks, Calhoun City, and A. B. Hicks, Starkville; three daughters, Mrs. J. Z. McCain and Mrs. J. T. Gamblin, both of Memphis, and Mrs. Marvin Halfacre of Winona; two sisters; and ten grandchildren.



FIRST CHURCH, ABERDEEN, has a most unusual GA Coronation service in that eight girls were presented capes as Queens Regent. And the first time, escorts were featured in the Coronation service. (This idea might be of interest to other churches.) The girls and their escorts, left to right: Rita



RIDGE CHURCH, Scott County, had their first GA Coronation, with three queens, attended by pages and flower girls.



CALVARY CHURCH, TUPELO's Coronation theme was "Declare His Glory." A Maiden lighted the candles, and five small girls were crown-bearers for the five queens.



FIRST CHURCH, GAUTIER had the first GA Presentation in the history of that church. They presented six maidens, six ladies in waiting, and one princess.



FIRST CHURCH, OCEAN SPRINGS crowned six queens and recognized three queens-with-scepter. Books made by these girls were on display at the reception. A glittering world, and candles in the windows, went well

May 11-17

Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week

The world has a special meaning for members of Girl's Auxiliary, missionary organization for girls, ages 9-15. These girls learn to see the world with its many people, customs, colors, cultures, and needs as the world that God loves as much as he gave his only Son to save it.

G. A.'s learn about missions through missionary programs, mission study, prayer, stewardship, missionary activities and the forward steps program.

In a Coronation Service girls are recognized for the work they have completed in Forward Steps. The congregation that participates in a service reviews God's Word and His love are portrayed through the life of a girl. It is a workshop service.

As each G. A. member accepts the challenge of the Great Commission as one of her ideals, she helps to tell her story of God's love to the nations.

Girl's Auxiliary Focus Week is a special week in the lives of girls in Southern Baptist churches. The Baptist Record recognizes the G. A.'s this week, through these representative photographs.

Because of the large number of Coronations, and the limited space in the Baptist Record, pictures of Coronations will not be printed at any other time of the year than GA Focus Week.



with the theme: "The World For Christ." Photo at left shows the queens.

Photo at right: queens-with-scepter Rhonda Fisher, Sybil Colson, and Rebecca Wooten.



CORINTH CHURCH, SIMPSON COUNTY held the first GA Coronation in the history of that church, with six queens. Six young children were crown-bearers.



POCAHONTAS CHURCH held their first GA Presentation Service. A GA

World's Fair was held after the service, with posters and exhibits of the girls' work.



WESSON CHURCH recognized nine GAs who advanced a step. One was crowned queen.

AT ESCATAWPA CHURCH, trumpeters announced the seven queens; one Queen with Scepter (Kathy Davis); one Queen Regent (Juanita Roberts); and four Queens-Regent-in Service, the highest achievement in G.A. (Donna Emerson, Celia Watson, Betty Hubbard, and Barbara Gill).





IRA MAGEE, center, was presented this plaque recognizing him as the only living charter member of The Tylertown Baptist Church at the Senior Citizens Luncheon April 29. Mrs. Earl Hunter, left, was chairman of the event, and Dr. Johnnie Brigman, right, pastor, made the presentation.

Ira Magee Special Guest

Tylertown Gives Senior Citizens' Luncheon

Thirty senior citizens, age 75 or older, were honored at a luncheon on Tylertown Church, Tuesday, April 29. A special guest was Ira I. Magee, the only living charter member of the church, which was organized in 1902.

Mr. Magee was honored during the program with presentation of a plaque by Dr. Johnnie L. Brigman, pastor. The plaque was inscribed with "Distinguished Charter Member, Tylertown Baptist Church, April 29, 1969."

The Pat Lambright Society's Mission Action Group of the WMU sponsored the luncheon, with Mrs. Earl Hunter serving as group leader and chairman. David Grimsley, minister of music, led in group singing of old familiar hymns. Also a special feature was music by Lloyd (Fiddlin Jabe).

Mississippi Writers Featured in New Broadman Book



"And Straightway They Crucified Him"

The Baptist Student Union of Mississippi State University will present *The Figure On The Cross* at Glen Park Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., on Sunday, May 18. The touring drama group made its first appearance April 27 at MSCW. Other engagements since that date have included MSU; First Church, Houston, Miss.; Wood Junior College, Mathiston; Parkway Church, Jackson; Hollendale Church; First Church, Yazoo City; and First Church, Starkville. The cast includes, left to right, above, Bo Kelly, Mary Kay Causey, Barbara Raulston, Ken Lee, Ric Chandler, David Stockstill, and (not pictured) Trisha Cade. The public is invited.

Dillon.

After the meal Dr. Brigman spoke to the group on "Younger than Springtime." A special poem written by Dr. Brigman appeared in the printed program entitled "On Growing Old!"

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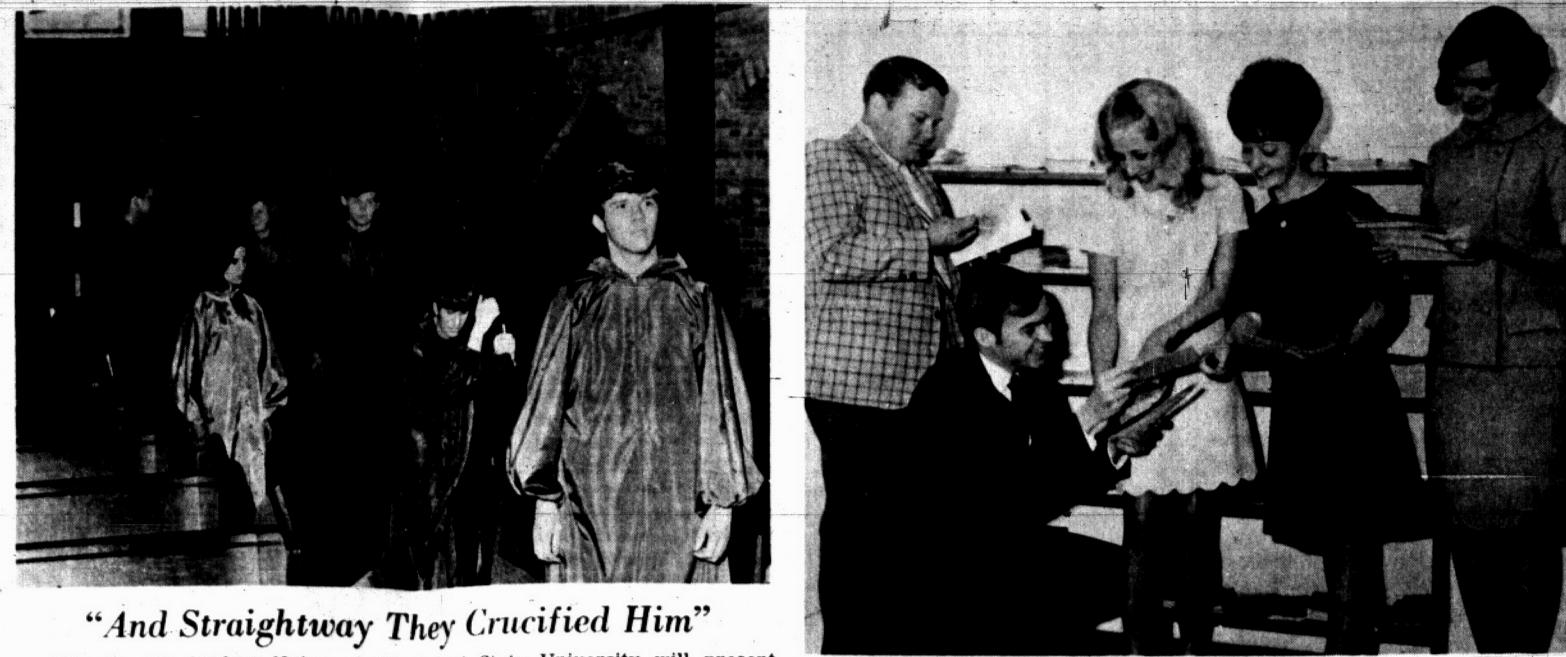


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Clarke Students Appointed Summer Missionaries

Excited over their recent appointment to summer missions by the Home Mission Board, five Clarke College students are shown exploring maps, brochures, and other related materials they found in the Clarke B.

S. U. Center. Stooping (front) is Clinton (Buz) Myers, Magee, who was appointed to Ohio. Standing (left to right)

Billy McCreary, West, assigned to Iowa; Martha Vining, Tuscaloosa, Ala., appointed to California; Caroline Franklin, Gardendale, Ala., appointed to Virginia; and Pat McDill, Union, to Kentucky.

Students Answer Call

Thirty-seven students at North British Baptist Theological Seminary, Recliffe, answered a call to mission service during the school's first mission emphasis week, March 25-28. They are about a fifth of current enrollment.

Rev. Samuel Mitt, executive secretary-treasurer of the Brazilian Baptist Home Mission Board, spoke in chapel each day and at the Rue Imperial Baptist Church each evening. He presented needs of both home and foreign missions. The final service was evangelistic.

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be served at twelve, with the after-

noon devoted to singing and fellow-

ship.

All former members and friends

are invited, states J. L. Jenkins.

Registration for kindergarten will be held at Northwest Hills Church, Jackson, May 19 and 20 from 9 to 11 a.m., for children ages 4-5.

Northwest Hills is the former Elraine Church, which has moved to a new location at 1931 Boling Street.

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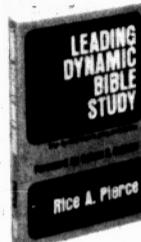
Colonial Heights, Jackson, 20th In Per Capita Giving

The Colonial Heights Church of Jackson was number 20 in the state in per capita giving to missions through the Cooperative Program. Rev. Sam B. Mason, Jr., is the pastor.

The GROWTH IN CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP program is used annually with variations from year to year. The Budget Fair has been used successfully and the fellowship dinner is always a highlight in the stewardship emphasis.

The presence of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Winders in the membership has been a contributing factor to the church's interest in missions. Each summer the church has a missions emphasis, making use of missionary speakers located at Garaway during the summer. They are now giving 12% of their undesignated gifts through the Cooperative Program and plan to increase this percentage annually.

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NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Several hundred wives of Southern Baptist ministers will meet here June 11 during sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention for a "Mini - Mardi Gras" Luncheon.

The 12:45 Wednesday luncheon will be held at the Royal Orleans Hotel, only a few blocks from the Rivertown Auditorium where the convention will hold its sessions.

The program will feature soloist Martha Branham of Dallas and comedienne Grady Nutt of Louisville, Ky.

Tickets for the luncheon will be on sale at the convention hall beginning Monday, June 9 at a cost of \$4.75.

"Sorry about that ticket price," said Mrs. Avery Lee of New Orleans, vice-president of the organization, "but it was the best we could do in New Orleans."

Mrs. Andrew Hall of Fayetteville, Ark., president, suggests that the ministers' wives save a June wedding fee and exchange it for the price of a luncheon ticket.

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Keys To Understanding The Bible

By Clifton J. Allen

John 5:37-47; 16:12-15; Acts 8:26-35;

17:10-12; James 1:22-25

In the preceding lesson we considered the importance of having the Bible in the language of the people. But

for multitudes of people, how inadequate the understanding of the Bible! For one reason, it is not easy to understand the Bible. It comes from a long-distant past, out of another culture, and from other languages. It deals with the deep things of God and the realities of spiritual experience. Also, our concept of what the Bible is, our traditions and prejudices, our perversity and indifference, and our attitude toward Christ may make it difficult to understand the Bible. There are keys to a growing understanding of the Bible.

The Lesson Explained

Depend On The Spirit

John 16:12-15

Jesus, the night before his crucifixion, gave assurance to the disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit to be with his followers forever. The Spirit of truth would guide them into a fuller understanding of Jesus' nature and mission, particularly the meaning of his death and resurrection. The Spirit would speak for Christ and interpret the work and the teachings of Christ to his followers to prepare them to be his witnesses and workers in the world.

The promise of Jesus was fulfilled on Pentecost. The Holy Spirit abides with Christians. This fact has the greatest significance with reference to our understanding of the Bible. He is our supreme Teacher, taking the place of Christ himself. The condition, first and foremost, for understanding the Bible is a genuine desire to be taught by the Holy Spirit and an attitude of depending on the Holy Spirit to guide one's study, to correct misunderstandings, to distinguish true and false about the Bible, and to know how to serve God. One is not to expect the Spirit to give understanding apart from study. He does give depths of insight to persons who sincerely seek his help.

Maintain An Eager Mind

Acts 17:10-12

When Paul and Silas came to Berea and entered into the synagogue, they preached the truth about Christ as in other places. But here they found people with "readiness of mind" to hear the gospel message and to search the Scriptures — of course, the Old Testament — in order to test the things spoken by the apostles.

We learn from the Bereans an enduring principle about understanding the Bible. There must be readiness of mind or a desire to learn. Understanding calls for using the mind, searching for truth, testing ideas, raising questions and looking for answers, trying to find out all the facts.

comparing spiritual truths with spiritual truths, and making the teaching of the Bible the standard for truth about all things pertaining to the Christian faith. Further, understanding the Bible calls for using the fruits of Bible study on the part of other persons. One must open the Bible and study to learn — not blindly or lazily accepting smooth words, clever phrases, untried theories, sentimental promises, and boastful claims—and test everything by biblical facts and spiritual principles.

Be Willing To Obey

James 1:22-25

James was intensely practical. He challenged his readers to be doers of the word, not hearers only. To hear and not do is of no value. A person who does this fools himself. He looks at himself, as a man looking in a mirror, and then forgets what he looks like — or fools himself about his own spiritual condition. But if he takes seriously the law of liberty or the truth which comes from God, and keeps on giving attention, he translates hearing into doing. He will then receive the blessing of God for what he does.

This admonition of James suggests by implication a basic condition for understanding the Bible. A person must be willing to become obedient to the teaching of the Bible. In a real sense, understanding waits on experience. We understand the Bible best when we determine to live by its precepts and act on its promises. We know the meaning when we practice it. On one occasion, Jesus rebuked the Jews in Jerusalem who searched the Scriptures but were not willing to believe in him. Their minds were closed, their hearts hardened. The truth applies today. Whoever would understand Christ must be willing to trust him and obey him.

Truths to Live By

Improved understanding of the Bible calls for intelligence plus faith. The Bible is unique; it stands in a class all its own, for it is the Word of God. Therefore faith in God is indispensable as the attitude and spirit of mind and heart with which to come to the Bible. Also, the message of the Bible is learned like that of other books. One needs to know the historical setting, the customs of the people about whom the Bible tells and to whom it was written, the kinds of literature in the Bible, the characteristics of the original languages of the Bible, the principles of grammatical construction, and the overall purpose of the Bible. The Bible is not magic and superstition. It is knowledge to be learned and revelation to be understood through faith in Christ and with the help of his Spirit.

The Christian has an obligation to acquire growing understanding of the Bible. — God desires that the Bible be understood. He does not hide the truth. He has given us the Holy Scriptures as a revelation of his redemption in Christ and of the righteousness which should mark the children of God. A Christian therefore has a

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The Message Of Truth

I John 1:1 — 2:11

By Bill Duncan

1 John is a short letter in which John gives some basic underlying beliefs and confronts those who are threatening to be wreckers of the Christian faith. Most people agree that the object of the letter is, to bring the reader joy (1:4) and to preserve them from sin (2:1). If one is to be a happy Christian then he must not encourage the sin in his life. In a very practical way the writer stresses the necessity of Christian fellowship. Individual Christians are not only bound to God, but they are bound to each other. The fellowship with fellow Christians is a dynamic toward practical help.

Most of the modern students of the Bible need a good study of this little epistle each year to help us have the right attitude toward ourselves, with the nature to sin and toward our brother that we need so much. This study should open our eyes to what we possess as Christians to overcome the world.

The Message of Fellowship

It is a fundamental truth of our faith, that we are safer not for isolation but for fellowship. The fellowship is a community whose nature will make for joy and pleasure in all who really belong.

The fellowship is characterized by life, love and light.

(1) The message "declared unto you the life, the eternal life." Once that life is ours, it never ends for us. This life was personified in Christ. It was this life that was seen in Christ that is given personally to us by

truths to live by

(2) The fellowship of love binds us to God and to one another. "That ye may have fellowship with us: yea, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son." The world would still be impressed by a practical evidence of the reality and joy of our fellowship. At the same time it is interesting to note the godly friendship that is always open to those who pay the price of utter fidelity to Him. The fellowship with fellow Christians and God is inter-dependent. This is why God said, "Why persecutes thou me?" Acts 9:4.

(3) There is a fellowship of light. Just as God is love, God is light. Light represents glory, intellectual represents truth, and morally represents holiness. In this fellowship we walk in the light when we live daily in obedience to Him, and rejoice in His way and will. The natural man walks in darkness because he is blind. Jesus the Great Surgeon through the glorious saving operation makes possible the walk in light.

The Message of Cleansing

I John 1:8 — 2:2

The message of the Love of God

sacred obligation to be an eager student of the Bible, to seek to discover its treasures of truth, to make his life an example of its precepts, and thus to become equipped for good work and triumphant living.

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is that the problem of sin can be removed. The Christian is sensitive to sin and wants to know how to deal with it.

First, the Christian must admit there is a problem and the root is sin. We must not deceive ourselves. There is a struggle always between the flesh and the Spirit. There is something in us that answers to the pull of the temptation without. Left to ourselves we shall always be liable to take the crooked way and rarely go straight. Many people venture to make God a liar by professing an immunity from sin which they have not attained.

Second, the ground of all God's dealing with man, and all God's blessings for man in cleansing is "the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." The death of Jesus through the blood given is the explanation and the reason why God is able to grant us the cleansing from sin: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful." He will not break his word concerning anything he has said. He is ever faithful to what He has promised. John said that he wrote the letter that ye sin not. He wants the believers to know the way of life that comes by cleansing.

"He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." (2:2) The message of cleansing speaks that this is for others also. It is the happy privilege of the Christian to tell this to all men.

The Message of Loyalty

I John 2:3-11

Our membership in the fellowship commits us to certain loyalties. Notice that there is the statement three times, "He that saith." It is our duty to say but that is not enough; we must be true.

There must be loyalty to the Lord of the fellowship. "He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." Day by day obedience is the test of our real, sincere knowledge of Him. The test of obedience is how many of the teachings or commandments we keep. We cannot over emphasize the importance of obedience. The test of our knowledge, the measure of our love, the token of our loyalty is the quality of obedience. The rule of the fellowship is "walk as He walked." This is the outward sign that we are abiding in Christ. The Christian must become an imitation of the Christ who saved us.

There must be loyalty to members of the fellowship. How do you know if he is in the light — the law of love will test the matter. Those who hate another, "lives in the darkness," "walketh in darkness and knoweth not whither he goeth" and "the darkness hath blinded his eyes." Those who love their brother, live in the light. What a great contrast! The spirit of love and loyalty is a primary lesson of the kingdom of love. He also walks in the light. He is able to see pitfalls in his path and avoid them. The way of love is best shown by the way we treat those of the fellowship. In all times we must be loyal.

Van Winkle Anniversary

Van Winkle Church, Jackson, will observe its 31st anniversary on May 18, according to Rev. Herman Milner, pastor.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, Miss. Baptist Convention Board, will be the guest speaker. Charter members will be given special recognition. Dinner will be served on the church grounds. Following the meal, there will be singing under the trees.

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Hazlehurst To Honor A.A. Roebuck

Saturday, May 17, will be A. A. Roebuck Special Honor Day in Hazlehurst. Mr. Roebuck, former school superintendent and teacher in the Hazlehurst Public Schools, is retiring from school work on June 30.

Beginning at about 1 p. m. on May 17th, at the Rolling Hills Country Club there will be golf, tennis, swimming, etc. Spectators will be welcome. Between 4 and 6 p. m. there will be Open House in the new Roebuck home on Queen Anne Drive in Hazlehurst. At 7 o'clock there will be a special hour-long program in the school auditorium, or in the athletic stadium.

A tea-reception will be given in the school cafeteria from 6 to 7 p. m.

Mr. Roebuck has been active in Baptist affairs in the state. A graduate of Clarke and Mississippi College, he later taught in each, and is now serving as a member of the Baptist Education Committee. Mrs. Roebuck was choir director at Brandon and at Aberdeen before moving to Hazlehurst, where she has been music director for the past ten years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Roebuck have been associated with Training Union and Sunday school work for many years. He was made a deacon at Brandon at the age of 37 and is a lifetime deacon at First, Hazlehurst. His father was a pastor of rural churches in Attala, Leake, Choctaw, and Newton Counties for 46 years.

Southeastern Alumni To Meet On Riverboat In Harbor

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., will be held on June 12 at 1:30 p. m. aboard the "S. S. President" of Streckfus Streamers in the harbor of New Orleans.

The meeting will be informal, with a buffet lunch of New Orleans specialties and a three-hour tour of the harbor and the Mississippi River. After a free afternoon, the Southern Baptist Convention will reconvene at 7:30.

Reservations for the luncheon and cruise may be made by sending five dollars (\$5.00) to the Alumni Office, Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, 27587.

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Mrs. Josephine Spell was presented with a gift for sharing — that may be a fair statement of Mrs. Spell's whole approach to life."



MRS. CHARLES E. MARTIN, left, presents Mrs. Howard E. Spell, right, with silver ladle from Mississippi College Faculty Wives' Club.

Mrs. Lewis Nobles, retiring club president, gave the gavel symbolizing leadership to incoming president Mrs. Joe Cooper. Other new officers introduced were: Mrs. John Blair, vice-president; Mrs. Billy Trotter, secretary; Mrs. Kenneth Rainey, corresponding secretary-treasurer; Mrs. D. Gray Miley, telephone chairman; Mrs. John Legg, nursery chairman; Mrs. Charles Martin, newcomer chairman; and Mrs. Charles Scott, publicity chairman.

The program featured a style show of authentic costumes from foreign countries. These were donated or loaned by Mississippi College alumni, many of whom are serving as missionaries in the countries represented. The costumes donated to Mississippi College will be placed in the college's Social Science Museum, established in 1965 and presently located in Nelson Hall.

Guitarist Gary Smith provided special entertainment and was accompanied for the style show, with Mrs. Hazel McCarty commenting.

Alumni donating costumes and the countries represented include: Anis Shorosh, evangelist — cotton & silk blend embroidered gown style from Jordan; Mr. and Mrs. William Guy Henderson, missionaries in Pusan, Korea — plum colored silk brocade from Korea; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitten, missionaries to Spain — festive regional dress of Northwestern Spain; Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Bethea, missionaries to Indonesia, Africa, and India — hundred-year-old temple sari from India.

Mrs. H. S. Wills, missionary to Senegal — three part cotton batik costume from Senegal; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Thurman, missionaries to Pakistan — man's black Jinnah jacket and white cotton trousers, woman's sari from Pakistan; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roberson, retired missionaries to Nigeria — costume in traditional style and weave used when white people first came to Nigeria; Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Applewhite, missionaries in Kediri, Indonesia — skirt of cotton batik, dressy blouse of cotton lace from Indonesia; and Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rainey — special occasion pink satin dress with butterfly sleeves from the Philippines.

Dolls depicting clothing styles from Argentina were donated by Mr. and Mrs. William Ferrell, missionaries in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Nicaraguan dress was shown by dolls donated by Jim Martin, school teacher and busi-



MODELS AT MC FACULTY WIVES' CLUB LUNCHEON — Top photo, left to right: Mrs. N. W. Carpenter, Jr., Mrs. John Legg, Mrs. Charles Whitten, missionary to Spain, Mrs. Hartwell McPhail, Mrs. Kenneth Rainey, Mrs. Trenton Shelton, and Mrs. Craig Whitlock. Bottom photo, left to right: Mrs. Billy Lytal, Mrs. Norman O'Neal, David Wallace, Mrs. Billy Trotter, Mrs. John Blair, Mrs. Sam Gore, and Mrs. James Coleman.

DEVOTIONAL

Put Forth In God's Cause

John 10:4

By David W. McCubbin
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Jesus likens himself to the shepherd who takes his sheep out to pasture. He leads the way and the sheep recognize his voice and follow him.

This is God's world and God is at work in His world. Sometimes we want to throw up our hands because it seems that everything is going hay-wire and God is losing out. Nothing could be further from the truth. People may be leaving Him out but there is no ruling Him out. He is at work bringing about His purpose.

Christians are, by and large, the instruments of His purpose. The Lord is continually "putting forth" His own. He is thrusting His saved men into circumstances which urgently need the application of God's truth and grace. It may be a business transaction that lies just within the limit of the law but falls short of down-to-earth honesty. It may be a man to man meeting which cries out for an explanation of the way of salvation. Crucial opportunities to represent Him in ways that bring about change abound on every hand.

Often we are unaware in a particular situation of being thrust into the front line of the conflict for right against wrong.

We are lulled into complacency which keeps us from seeing the opportunities.

Sometimes we are afraid—afraid to buck the system, offend the boss or afraid of personal ridicule—afraid of what the future might hold if in this particular case we stood solidly Christian. We simply forget, or are reluctant to accept the truth, "He goeth before them."

Christendom has not been silent through the centuries; neither has the world been deaf. The world is aware of what a Christian ought to be. One of the reasons Christianity is being questioned in some circles is that in many instances the individual adherent fails to be truly Christian when put on the crucial front line.

Christ is counting on us. He is beckoning us to get in the thick of it. He puts us forth and promises to be with us and to use us.

nessman in Nicaragua.

Other costumes were loaned by the following people: Mrs. A. L. Goodrich — crocheted lace on batiste dress from Brazil; Mrs. Trenton Shelton, 1961 Maid of Cotton — ball gown from Ireland; Miss Jane Knapp, MC student — silk print kimono from Japan; and Mrs. Wayne O'Neal — traditional dirndl frock worn throughout Germany.

Winston Missionary

Dr. R. A. Herrington began his work as superintendent of missions for Winston Association on April 15.

He moved there from Hillsboro Church, Scott County. Other churches he has served as pastor are Temple, Jackson; Goodman; Ethel; Soso, Bethel; and Chunks.

Dr. Herrington attended Clarke College and graduated from Mississippi College. He received the B. D. and Th. D. degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

He and Mrs. Herrington have a son, Russell, and a daughter, Donna.

MasterControl To Tour Rome

"MasterControl" will take listeners on a tour of Rome, Italy, during its May 25 program in another of its series on the world's most famous cities.

Don Sturgis will bring an on-the-scene report from the labyrinthine passageways of the catacombs under the city, and Jim Rupe will guide listeners through the ancient Coliseum. The Pantheon and the Roman Forum also will be visited.

The vignette, which is the spiritual emphasis of each "MasterControl" program, will be titled "I Was There." It will be delivered by Dr. W. Morris Ford.

New Hope Dedicates Sanctuary

Speakers at dedication and note-burning ceremonies at New Hope Church, Calhoun County, Sunday afternoon, April 27 included a former pastor and the present and a former county superintendent of missions.

Rev. Winfred Brasher, pastor of Yockanookany Church, Kosciusko, who was pastor of New Hope at the time the Building Committee was appointed for the new sanctuary in 1965, preached the dedication sermon and burned the note, assisted by the church deacons.

Rev. R. B. Patterson, who was an occasional missionary for Calhoun and Pontotoc counties when the church was founded in 1947, and Rev. Marvin K. Lee, present Calhoun County superintendent of missions, also spoke at the service.

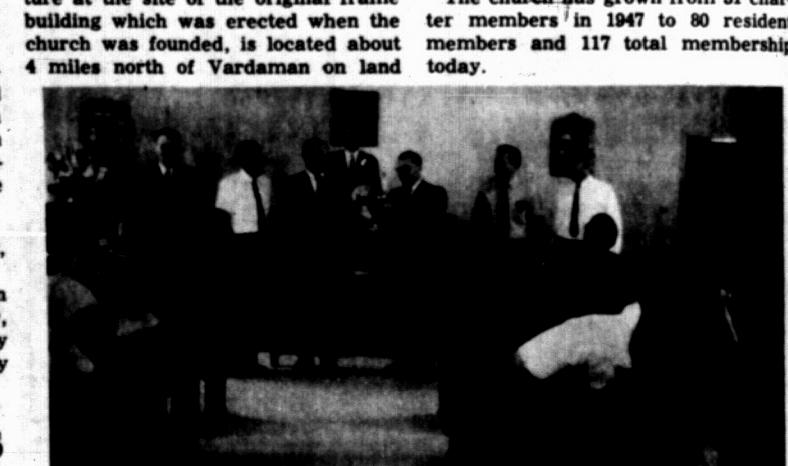
Rev. Marion Holley, present pastor, was master of ceremonies.

Other participants in the dedication program included Henry E. Bailey, church clerk, who read a brief history of the church, with special music by

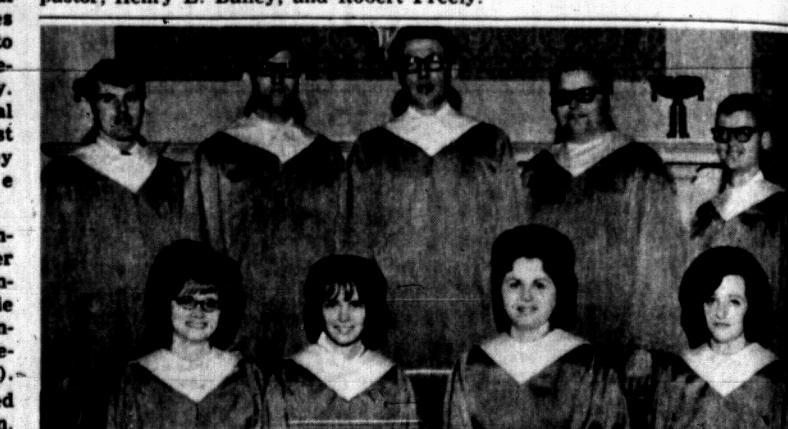
Mrs. Ravis Winter and three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Winter, Misses Rosanne, Susanne and Brenda Winter, and Miss Wanda Brasher, piano accompanist.

The dedication and note-burning service was held in the afternoon, following regular Sunday morning worship services and dinner on the church grounds.

The new sanctuary, a brick structure at the site of the original frame building which was erected when the church was founded, is located about 4 miles north of Vardaman on land



BURNING THE NOTE on the new sanctuary of New Hope Church, Calhoun County, is Rev. Winfred Brasher, standing fifth from left, former pastor, assisted by church deacons, left to right, Joe Lee Fleming, Robert Earl Nichols, Grady Lee Schwabenberg, Rev. Marion Holley (in pulpit), present pastor, Henry E. Bailey, and Robert Freely.



Southwestern Singers On Spring Tour

FORT WORTH — Nine Mississippians are among the forty-five Southwestern Singers who are on a spring tour from Texas to Florida May 12-22. They are (front row, left to right): Theresa McRee, graduate of William Carey College; Janice Hix, graduate of William Carey; Mary Still, graduate of William Carey; Carolyn Ulrich, graduate of Mississippi College. Back row, Dennis Melstrum, Mississippi College; Gary Anglin, Mississippi College; Jerry Walker, University of Southern Mississippi; Richard Kannady, William Carey, and Billy Hix, William Carey. The choral group will sing in churches and on college campuses in Louisiana, Florida and Mississippi. Their director is Robert L. Burton, professor of conducting and ensemble activities.

Names In The News

Daniel (Danny) White, a senior at Delta State College, was ordained into the gospel ministry of music and youth at First Church, Boyle, Sunday, May 4. He has served as director of music and Christian youth activities for the past two months. He surrendered to the Ministry Sunday, April 13. Following his ordination he will continue to serve First Church, Boyle, as minister of music and youth. The entire church was represented in a unique presentation of the Bible to Mr. White. James Salley (a Primary) represented the children as he bore the Bible from the rear of the church to the pulpit. Jane Sunrall represented the Juniors, Lori Reed the Intermediates, Wanda Craft the young people, and Brown Ryle, Sr. (chairman of deacons) the membership at large. The Bible was handed to Edward A. White, the father of Danny, who represented the family and who passed it to the pastor for formal presentation. Mr. White is a music major at Delta State and director of the BSU choir. He will enter into full time work at Boyle immediately after school is out and will direct the summer program of music and youth activities. Rev. H. S. Rogers is pastor.

Miss Mary Crenshaw, Director of the Department of Art at Blue Mountain College, announces the opening of the Spring Art Exhibition. Works of each art student are included in the exhibition and may be viewed in the halls and Art Studio of the Lawrence T. Lowrey Administration Building. The exhibition opened May 1 and will remain in tact until the closing weeks of the current session. Visitors are welcome to view the art works at all times. The public is cordially invited. There is no fee for the visitation.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Evansville (Tate): Crusade of Americans; April 13-18; Rev. Ervin Brown, DeSoto County superintendent of missions, evangelist; nine professions of faith; six additions by letter; one re-dedication; one surrendering to Christian service.

First, Tutwiler: Rev. Wilson Winstead, Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, evangelist; Houston Jones, minister of music, Charleston, music director; Rev. Paul Hunter, pastor; five professions of faith; one by statement for baptism; one by letter; 14 rededications.

Thomas Littlejohn, (pictured) son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Littlejohn of Pontotoc, was ordained to the gospel ministry April 27 by Oak Hill Church.

Rev. Larry Maxey, pastor at Oak Hill, gave the charge to the church. Rev. Ulvie Fitts, pastor in Pontotoc and Lee Association, and BSU Director at Itawamba Junior College, gave the charge to the candidate. Thomas, a junior at Mississippi College, was called recently as pastor of Bluff Springs Church in Webster County.

Gary Shows has accepted a call to First Church, Petal to serve as minister of music and youth.

A native of Ellisville, he is a student at William Carey College. He and his wife, Nancy, have moved into the home furnished by the church at 103 Oak Street, Petal. Mr. Shows goes to First Church from Harmony Church, Ellisville, where he was serving as minister of youth. Rev. W. A. Fordham is pastor at First, Petal.

Rev. James C. Shumate, pastor, reports that on Sunday, April 27, Stringer Church held a baptismal service, with 14 candidates for baptism. On the same Sunday, five others joined the church on profession of faith, and two made rededications.

Valentine Keene Robinson, a sophomore at William Carey College, recently began his summer service as associate pastor in charge of youth at Quitman's First Church. A native of Port Charlotte, Florida, Mr. Robinson is active in the campus affairs at William Carey. He is a member of the Baptist Student

Union, having served for two years on the Executive Council of that organization. He is an active member of the Ministerial Association and has supplied the pulpit in many C-Days sponsored by that association. For the past two summers he served as associate pastor in First, Petal.

Donald Moore, a native of Anguilla, assumed the position as minister of music and education at First Church, Punta Gorda, Florida. Upon his graduation from William Carey, he plans to attend one of the Southern Baptist seminaries. Rev. Jackie C. Hamilton is pastor at First, Quitman.

They have one son, Richard, 4, and a daughter, Linda, 18 months. Before moving to Aberdeen, Mr. Moore served as minister of music and education at Oakland Heights Church, Meridian. Prior to this he served churches throughout Mississippi and Louisiana. The pastor at Aberdeen is Rev. James Fancher.

Buford Easley, second-year theology student, has been chosen as president of New Orleans Seminary Student Body Association for 1969-70. The newly elected president is now serving as pastor of Isabel Church, Bogalusa, Louisiana. His wife, Barbara, is a second-year student in the school of Religious Education.

They have one son, Richard, 4, and a daughter, Linda, 18 months. Mr. and Mrs. Easley are both originally from Houma, Miss. Mr. Easley is a graduate of Clark College and Mississippi College.

Ed Treherne was recently presented with a 15-year Sunday school perfect attendance pin by his home church, First Church, Pascagoula. Ed, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Treherne, is a graduate of Pascagoula High School. He is a senior at Mississippi College where he lettered in football for three years, receiving the Best Defensive award for two years and being elected permanent co-captain of the football team his senior year. Ed plans to coach this fall.